

Notes of February 18, 2014 Environmental Committee Meeting

Attendees: 3 of 4 Committee members were present as well as the other members of Council

Nick Cutri

Karen White

Bill Taylor – Chairman

Maria Bucci was absent due to being on vacation with her family

Four topics were covered:

- 1. Continuation of the year-long information gathering presentations concerning Hydro Fracking. In 2012, by resolution, the City Council enacted a moratorium on Hydro Fracking within the City of Canandaigua. This allowed the Council to gather information in order to make the decision to enact an ordinance banning Hydro Fracking in the City. In October 2013 Council extended the moratorium to allow for more fact finding. The extension ends in June of 2014. At the February Environmental Committee meeting we heard a presentation from Jay Dutcher of Crane Analytics and a resident of Canandaigua. His presentation articulated the drilling procedure and presented some statics concerning the process.**

For example; There are 15 wells in East Bloomfield, 1-3 million gallons of water is needed per well over a 2-4 day period, 100-300 trucks loads of equip. and material are needed per well over a 3-5 day period, most wells are 8-10,000 ft. deep

Jay also addressed some of the controversial issues concerning Radon gas, earthquakes, water catching on fire, retention ponds and returning land to original purpose.

Lastly Jay gave us research resources such as frackfocus.org to refer to.

I would like to thank Jay for his time and efforts.

The committee will be discussing the subject and hopefully reaching a decision to recommend or not recommend bringing legislation before the full council at our next meeting March 11th.

2. **LL Bean**, an outdoor themed retailer located in the Eastview Mall, presented a proposal to conduct their “Outdoor Adventures” series at the east end of Kershaw Park. The series has the purpose of inspiring people to engage in outdoor activities such as kayaking and Stand Up Paddle Boarding. The proposal asking for space to park their 16’ storage trailer on the public parking lot adjacent to Steamboat Landing near the existing Kayak launch located on the inlet to Lagoon Park. The trailer is a solid forest green color with no advertising on it. The series would be held during the weekends from Memorial Day thru Columbus Day.

Other pertinent information brought out in the discussion are;

LL Bean would provide and maintain a Porta-a-Potty

There would be no retail sales conducted on the site

All equipment is provided by LL Bean

Instructors are certified by LL Bean and have Red Cross trained

It was suggested that Steve Howie, owner of the Sailshop, be made aware of the application before the next committee meeting. He has been emailed.

A straw pole was conducted to see if council backed the concept – the vote was 8-0 yes

Staff was directed to recommend a compensation package for this proposal at the next Environmental Meeting.

For full disclosure I recused myself from the discussion and will not vote on this issue because I work part time for LL Bean.

3. *Special Events*

A Run for the Past – Ed Varno proposed that the Historical Society conduct a timed 5K run in place of the Chosen Run conducted in prior years by St. Mary’s Church. All details of the event will stay the same except that proceeds will benefit the Historical Society. The event will be held on June 1st 2014. The committee voted 3-0 in favor.

Finger Lakes Triathlon – Council was presented with two locations for the September 7th 2014 Triathlon and Saturday September 6th 2014 Kids Triathlon. Due to the question of construction on the Steamboat site no location was decided on. Therefore the applicant will need to return when construction details are available. The committee voted 3-0 in favor of the races with the understanding that

the location will be discussed and determined at a later date. Proceeds go to the Mary M Gooley Hemophilia Center.

Finger Lakes Reisling Festival and Rotary Pier Dance – The Committee was presented with a proposal to hold the events on August 9-10 2014 on the City Pier and the Wine and Culinary Center property. This is a change of location due to possible Brownfield cleanup on the North Shore Development site. The discussion included traffic flow, parking availability, access to area businesses (marinas), security, and support from boat house owners. All areas were discussed to the satisfaction of the committee. The Reisling Festival will run from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each day and the Pier Dance will be from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on the 9th only. The committee voted 3-0 in favor of the application.

4. *Contracts*

Habitat for Humanity Contract – the committee recommended 3-0 to give the City manager the authority to execute a contract with Habitat for Humanity to rehab one single family home on Chapin Street. This is an opportunity to help a qualified homeowner do needed repairs to their home through the Habitat organization was discussed and funded in the amount of \$15,000 during last fall's budget process.

Pathstone Corporation Contract – the committee recommended 3-0 to give the City manager the authority to execute a contract with Pathstone Corporation for providing assistance for improvement of up to 10 owner-occupied homes. As with habitat this was discussed and funded in the amount of approx. \$10,000 during the last budget process.

Our next Meeting will be on March 11th at 7:00 P.M. at the Hurley Bldg.